

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒
no ☐

Property Name: Bennett & Russell Store/ R. Bennett House Inventory Number: CE-1357
Address: 248-250 West Main Street Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Elkton, MD Zip Code: 21921 County: Cecil
USGS Quadrangle(s): Elkton
Property Owner: Gary E. Dennis Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 314 Tax Map Number: 884
Project: MD 7D: MD 213 to Landing Lane Safety and Resurfacing Agency: MD State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: MD State Highway Administration
Preparer's Name: Anne E. Bruder Date Prepared: 05/26/2005
Documentation is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files.
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: Elkton West Residential District
Inventory Number: CE-1295 Eligible: ☒ yes Listed: ☐ yes
Be visited by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The building at 248-250 West Main Street is a duplex at the west end of the West Residential District in the Elkton Multiple Resource Area. However, the two halves do not match. The east half (248) is a 3-bay side hall model, while the west half is a 3-bay center hall model. While this building appears to be two residences, the 1931 Sanborn Map Company map indicates that the west section is a store (labeled "S" on the map) while the east side is a dwelling (labeled "D") with a one story porch across the front of the building..

According to the Cecil County tax records, the building has a construction date of 1890. However, the building appears on both the 1858 Martenet Map and the 1877 Lake, Griffing & Stevenson Cecil County Atlas as the Bennett & Russell Store and the R. Bennett Residence respectively. These notations along with the half story attic argue for a construction date in the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The transom and side lights surrounding the east door and the one sash windows indicate that the building is a late example of a Greek Revival style house, possibly built as early as the 1830s, but not later than 1850.

Since its construction, the building has undergone several modifications. Currently it is used as a single family dwelling. The west door has been blocked so that only the east door is used as the entrance (and the house number, 250, is not used). The building is

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MHT Comments: *contributes to eligible district ; good example of a rare type.*

Jim Salura
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/23/05
Date

Elkton
Reviewer, National Register Program

6/28/05
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covered in stucco. The two bay or shop windows in the first floor of the west section possibly date from the 1890s.

The Bennett and Russell Store is not individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places because it lacks significance as an architectural example. However, it does contribute to the significance of the West Residential District in the Elkton Multiple Resource Area, and is a contributing resource to the District. The West Residential District is eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C (architecture). Research conducted as part of this study did not identify events or persons important to local, state or national history and the Bennett and Russell Store is not eligible under Criteria A or B. Criterion D was not investigated as part of this study.

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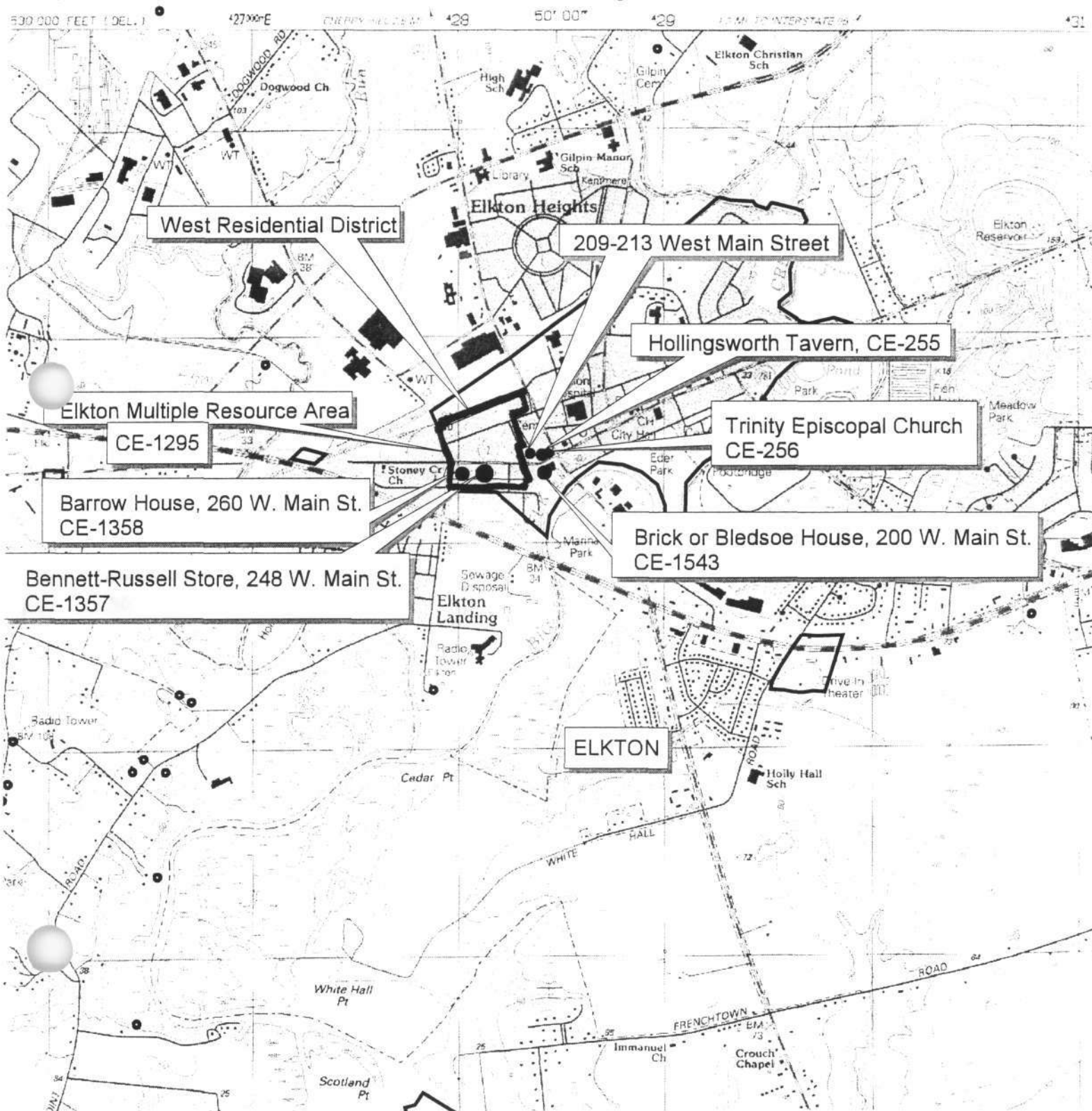
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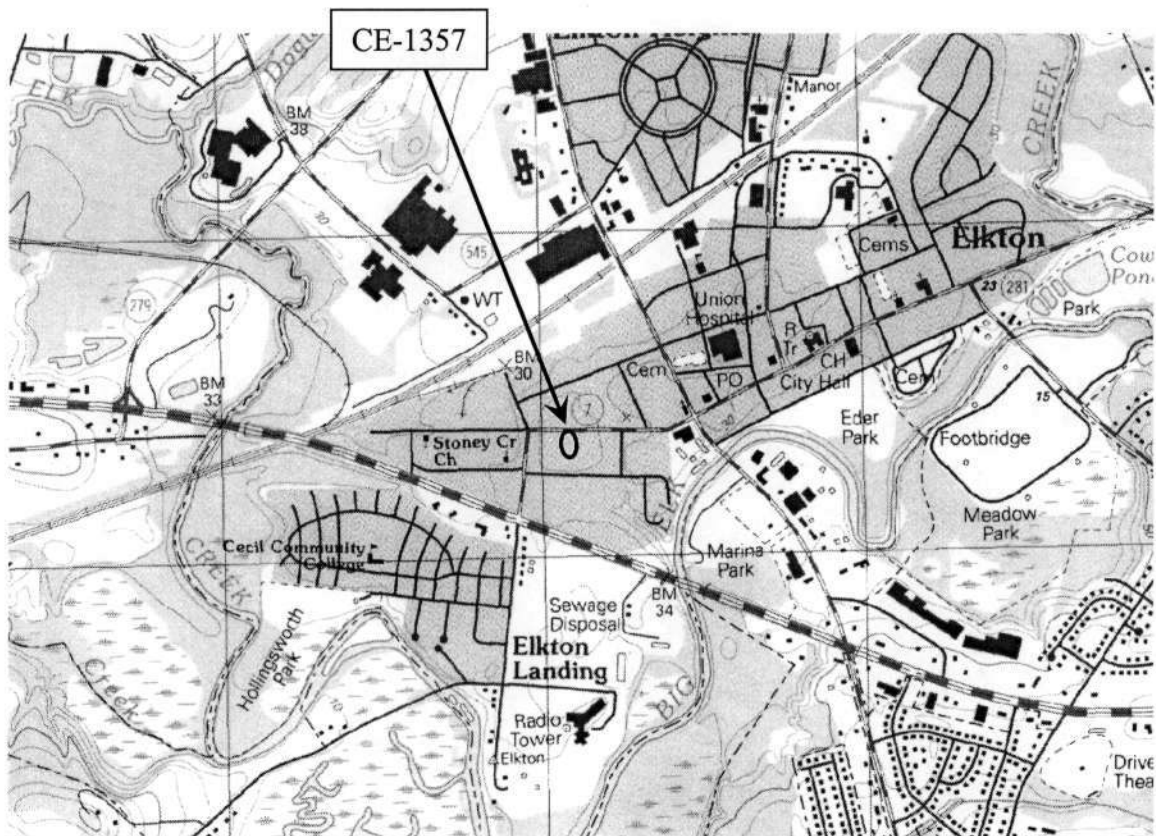
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